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We encourage all K-State students and faculty to have a fun, safe week away from classes.



Grad student found dead Tuesday

Staff Report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A student was found dead in his home Tuesday. Ron VanNimwegen, graduate student in wild-life biology, had seemingly been missing and the Riley County Police Department was called to do a wellness check, said Capt. Hank Nelson of the Riley County Police Department.



VanNimwegen
GRAD STUDENT

The cause of death was not known at press time, but Nelson said foul play is not suspected.

VanNimwegen came to K-State from Iowa State University, where he received his master's degree. He was expected to finish his dissertation in December.

Jack Cully, associate professor of biology and VanNimwegen's main professor, said he was a very good student and scientist.

"He would have been a successful scientist," he said.

Both the K-State Office of Student Life in Holton 102, and University Counseling Services, English/Counseling Services 232, are available to help those in need of support.

Laurie Wesely, psychologist for Counseling Services, said any K-State student can receive counseling. Counseling Services is also available to talk to groups.

Questions can be directed to 785-532-6927 or Counseling Services' Web site, www.k-state.edu/counseling. The Office of Student Life can be reached at 785-532-6432.

A memorial service for VanNimwegen will be held in Greenvalley, Ariz., but the date has not been scheduled.

No campus memorial is planned.

Nellis declines University of Idaho presidency

Staff Report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Duane Nellis, provost and senior vice president, declined an offer to be president of the University of Idaho on Thursday.

"I really enjoyed meeting faculty, students and alumni at the University of Idaho," Nellis said, according to a Thursday press release. "It is a quality land grant institution with significant promise."



Nellis
PROVOST & SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

"After seriously considering the opportunity at the University of Idaho, I have decided to decline the offer of employment as president there," he said.

Nellis was one of two finalists who visited Idaho earlier this year.

Nellis has been provost since June 2004.

The other finalist for the position was David Dooley, provost of Montana State University.

Violence causes students to cancel Mexico trips

By Jenene Heavey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Many traditional spring break trips to hot Mexican destinations like Cancun, Tijuana and Baja will take a sabbatical this year, moving to safer locations after nearly 7,000 people have been violently killed in the last 15 months.

There have been 1,000 murders this year alone, according

to a Tuesday ABC News article.

Travel warnings were issued by the U.S. Department of State on Feb. 20, advising Americans traveling to Mexico to be mindful of increased dangers, mainly along the border.

According to the travel advisory, "It is imperative that travelers understand the risks of travel to Mexico, how best to avoid dangerous situations.

Common-sense precautions, such as visiting only legitimate business and tourist areas during daylight hours and avoiding areas where prostitution and drug dealing might occur, can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable."

The lower drinking age, warm weather and cheap accommodations help draw an estimated 100,000 students for travel to Mexico.

Tara Marsh, travel consultant from Manhattan's Jade Travel, said her firm is up-to-date on travel advisories. She said avoiding border towns, using common sense by traveling in groups, not traveling after dark and staying at resorts to proceeding with a trip to Mexico trip safe enough.

"Resort areas are still safe,"

See MEXICO, Page 8

Finding a new ride



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Sitting in the back of the bus, **Bristen Krinhop**, junior in chemical engineering, and **Andrea Rothchild**, Abilene resident and visitor to K-State, ride the shuttle from the K-State Student Union to Bramlage Coliseum. With the completion of the parking garage near the Union, the K-State Parking Services shuttles will no longer be available.

Shuttle system to end with parking garage completion

By Emily Aldredge
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nearly every day, students walking by the parking garage see workers doing everything they can to finish the behind-schedule project. The expected completion of the parking garage will create nearly 1,400 parking spaces.

These spaces will be the start of more on-campus parking but the end to the Parking Services shuttle.

The shuttle service travels from Edwards Hall and Bramlage Coliseum to the K-State Student Union and the KSU Foundation Building, then back to the K-State Union and Edwards Hall.

Students can either walk to one of the shuttle pick-up spots or drive. While the shuttle service itself is free, students wishing to park in one of the pick-up lots must still own a parking permit.

The termination of the shuttle service will leave many students looking for

different transportation.

Gary Leitnaker, assistant vice president of the Division of Human Resources and Parking Services, said the department's plan from the beginning has been to stop the shuttle when the garage is finished.

"The shuttle was simply put into

See SHUTTLE, Page 10

Information kiosk to highlight on-campus events

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The southwest end of K-State, known for being the main entrance to campus, will also become a main advertiser of campus events to the general public with construction of the K-State Student Union Information Kiosk. The goal of the kiosk is to give the Union street presence and promote campus events.

Bernard Pitts, assistant vice president and executive director of the Union, said the 4-by-10 foot double-sided LED screen will be similar to the Jumbotron at Snyder Family Stadium, just on a smaller scale. He said the screen will be located on the south stone wall of campus between Mid-Campus Drive and 17th Street, parallel to Anderson Avenue.

Ebert and Mayo Design Group have designed a base for the screen that will match the Peine Gate as well as the wall the kiosk will be inserted into.

Pitts also said the cost of construction and upkeep for the kiosk will be paid for by several other campus entities. This group of organizations will form a consortium that will set and control run time for advertisements on the screen.

Members of the consortium will include the Union, K-State Alumni Association, Beach Museum of Art, McCain Auditorium, KSU Foundation and Office of Student Life.

The consortium members will be given first rights to advertising and run time on the kiosk. Next, preference will be given to various service entities located with-



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in the Union that will pay an annual fee to have time on the kiosk. Pitts said other university organizations will be able to have time on the kiosk; however, they will have pay a fee for the time they

use that is not yet determined by the consortium.

"The kiosk communicates to our community that we are a

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24 Bloodhound's clue

25 Mix up

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31 Shelter

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34 Twofold

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37 Run — of (violate)

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23 Helen's home

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3-13 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MEAN FOLKS SAY INSULTING THINGS TO MY BEST FRIEND, WELL, THAT REALLY MAKES MY BUD BOIL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

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I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS - I'M WALKING AROUND TERRIFIED THAT I MIGHT MAGICALLY SWAP BODIES WITH JAMIE LEE CURTIS AND THEN HAVE TO GO THROUGH A SERIES OF WACKY ADVENTURES AND LIFE LESSONS IN ORDER TO GET MY OWN BODY BACK...

NOW THAT IS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN. NONE OF US WANT TO TURN OUT LIKE LINDSAY LOHAN.

THE PLANNER
CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The K-State Challenge Course is open for the spring. To make a reservation for your group, contact Travis Redeker in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex at 785-532-6980 or e-mail tredeker@k-state.edu.

Recreational Services is offering half-price nutrition consultations during March, which is National Nutrition Month. For more information, call the administrative office at 785-532-6980 or go to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Joseph Atkins at 1 p.m. today in Hale 114. The thesis topic is "Synthesis and Properties of Resorcin[4] Arene-based Quadrupoles and Dimeric Electrostatic Capsules."

A \$500 scholarship for nontraditional students for the fall semester is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is Monday. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars encourages high-achieving students at K-State to become members. If you have received an invitation, there is still time to complete your membership application online by visiting <http://join.nscs.org/join> or by phone 1-800-989-6727. If you have any questions, contact nscs@nscs.org, call 202-265-9000 or contact the president of the K-State chapter, Shane Oram, at shoram10@ksu.edu

ksu.edu. The application deadline is Wednesday.

Recreational Services is seeking softball officials. Starting pay is \$7.50 per hour. The training clinic will be at 5 p.m. March 23 and 24. To qualify, attend both sessions at Peters Recreation Complex. Officials must be a K-State student and enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

The sexual assault support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 24 at the Women's Center in Holton Hall. For more information, visit www.ksu.edu/womenscenter or call 785-532-6444.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mbakisiya Onyango at 8 a.m. March 27 in Fiedler 0088. The thesis topic is "Verification of Mechanistic Prediction Models for Permanent Deformation in Asphalt Mixes Using Accelerated Pavement Testing."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Paula Ford at 9 a.m. March 30 in Justin 128. The thesis topic is "The Local Food Environment and its Association with Obesity Among Low-Income Women"

Across the Urban-Rural Continuum in Kansas."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Trinity Davis at 2:30 p.m. April 2 in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "The Reading Achievement of Kansas Urban African American Fifth Graders Before and During No Child Left Behind."

The SHAPE (Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators) Program is looking for members. Earn three credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve your public-speaking skills and inform your peers about being safer. Print off and complete an application from www.k-state.edu/lafene/SHAPE. Applications are now being accepted for fall 2009. The application due date is April 3. Please deliver applications to Lafene 268 or attach it to an e-mail and send it to shape@ksu.edu.

SHAC positions are available now. The Student Health Advisory Committee is now accepting applications for fall 2009. Applications are available at the OSAS in the K-State Student Union or Lafene 266 or can be printed from www.k-state.edu/lafene/SHAC/involved.htm. The deadline is 5 p.m. April 10. Submit applications to the SHAC mailbox in the OSAS.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@pub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

Wherever you go ...
... or stay ...
... have a fun and safe spring break!

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Wednesday's Collegian. Students cannot apply non-credit classes at UFM toward K-State credit. The DCE/UFM credit and UFM non-credit program are separate programs. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@pub.ksu.edu.

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Repeal of Peele’s veto fails Thursday

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The big debate at Thursday night’s Student Governing Association meeting concerned Student Body President Lydia Peele’s veto of a \$1,500 allocation to the KSU Aikido Club.

The allocation would have gone toward bringing two K-State alumni from Minnesota for an off-campus event. The veto was appealed, but the appeal failed with a Senate vote of 11-36-4.

Senators originally passed the bill on Feb. 26 with a vote of 26-22-3. Peele vetoed the bill on Thursday, and it was appealed during the meeting by Clinton Medovich, senior in political science.

“We here have seen the dawning of an imperial leader,” Medovich said. “Our president has vetoed this bill, charging that we must spend student money responsibly, yet this is not our statutes.

“This is an issue of ethics, and we have already voted conscientiously and passed this bill. This event, I believe, will bring a prestige to this University that will last for a thousand years!”

Senator Jessica Schultz, junior in political science, a proponent of the veto, pointed to the original bill.

“\$1,500 for an event that would benefit 15 students is simply too much,” Schultz said. “I have no doubt that it would bring prestige to this group and possibly K-State, but we do not allocate funds on the basis of prestige. As a Senate, we are interested in the educational value of events.”

Peele defended her veto.

“The president of the group told me that they expected a similar turnout as last year’s event, which included 30 people from the community and four to five students,” she

said. “Since then, their expectations have fluctuated as high as 20 students. \$1,500 to bring two alumni to work with 20 students seems unreasonable.”

Peele stressed the “large amount allocated” and the “low number of expected student attendance” in her veto message to senators.

After the appeal failed, Senator Kyle Reynolds, sophomore in finance, drafted a new bill for a \$650 allocation to the club.

Senator Ashley Phelon, senior in nutritional sciences and dietetics, moved that the Senate make an exception to its rules – called “special orders” – and bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

Jessica Schultz debated against the motion to move the bill to special orders.

“It’s not necessary as we fund groups on a reimbursement basis,” she said.

“It seems excessive that a piece of legislation might be written, debated and passed in less than 15 minutes,” Schultz said, noting the lack of preparation given to the bill.

Reynolds requested, claiming the bill was “in many ways an amendment to a bill which has already passed out of Senate.”

The vote to move the bill by special orders to a vote did not reach a two-thirds vote, in the opinion of Senate Chair Amy Schultz, junior in biology, and so the bill will be referred back to the Allocations Committee.

However, this is not the end for the Aikido Club as the new allocations bill will return to the Senate floor for a vote at the next SGA meeting.

Senators did pass three allocations – \$3,000 to the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, \$1,000 to the Students for Environmental Action, and \$800 to Ecumenical Campus Ministries.

3 K-State finalists compete for Truman Scholarship

By Gloria Funcheon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For more than 30 years, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship has financially awarded about 60 undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate studies and careers in public service. The nationally competitive scholarship, open to juniors, only allows four nominations per school.

To be nominated by K-State, students must enter an intense application process that includes a personal narrative, discussion of leadership and service participation as well as a policy proposal that could be implemented in the public sphere.

K-State ranks as the leading public university in Truman scholars with 30 winning candidates since the creation of the scholarship. This year, three K-State students – Bobby Gomez, senior in elementary education; Molly Hamm, senior in English literature and secondary education; and Dena Bunnel, senior in political science and agricultural communications and journalism – reached the final stage of the competition. They each participated in a day-long interview process March 2 and are eligible for this year’s \$30,000 scholarship.



Gomez
ELEMENTARY ED.



Hamm
ENGLISH LITERATURE



Bunnel
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Gomez said the interview process was a bonding experience between candidates. Though interviews lasted 20 minutes, finalists had to stay in case the committee wanted to ask more.

Gomez’ policy proposal focused on increasing teacher retention in Kansas schools, particularly in rural and urban areas. His policy would increase funding for more experienced teachers to mentor incoming teachers, furthering the effectiveness of educators.

“Research shows that teachers with the most experience have the most success,” Gomez said. “The program is designed to provide support for rural areas.”

For graduate school, Gomez said he wants to attend the University of Massachusetts or Columbia University.

Hamm said she worked intensively with Jim Hohenbary, assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships. Hamm said she spent a lot of time doing mock interviews, individual research and 15 drafts of her application to get to the final version.

Hamm said she plans on working to improve education in the U.S., and she places importance on students becoming more global in their approach to education.

“I’ve always been passionate on

working with others to improve things,” Hamm said. “I’m all about promoting public service to really make a difference in the world.”

For graduate school, Hamm said she would like to attend Columbia University or New York University.

Bunnel said the very process of the application helped her get a better idea of her career goals.

“The application included a lot of in-depth questions about career plans,” Bunnel said. “It really helped me get better direction and focus on what I want to do.”

Bunnel said she didn’t find the interview scary because her questions focused specifically about her career plans in international agricultural development and extensions services in Kenya.

“You don’t see a lot of Kansas farm girls that want to venture out in international agriculture development,” Bunnel said, “which makes what I want to do so unique.”

Bunnel said her field of study is an emerging field, which makes it broadly defined and flexible. She said Cornell University and Michigan State University both have suitable graduate programs to continue her studies.

Final results are scheduled to be announced March 26.

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(2:50) - (3:20) - 5:10 - 5:40 - 7:30 - 8:00 - 10:20

(10:20 show Fri. & Sat. only)

Miss March R (12:40) - (3:10) - 5:20 - 7:35 - 9:55

Maeda Goes to Jail PG-13 (10:5) - 4:15 - 7:20 - 10:00

Watchmen R (12:35) - (1:20) - 4:10 - 5:00 - 7:45 - 9:15

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Confessions of a Shopaholic PG (1:15)

4:10 - 6:45 - 9:20

Sat. All Along (NR) will play at 1:15 instead of Shopaholic.

Tues. there will be no 1:15 of Shopaholic.

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6:50 - 9:40

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Position Purpose: Provides labor, operates machinery & various equipment. Assists in routine construction, maintenance & special function set up activities to provide high quality facilities, services & experiences to City's patrons. Other duties as assigned.

Special Requirements: Must be at least 18. Ability to possess & maintain a valid driver's license. Must be able to operate riding mowers and physically operate gas powered landscaping equipment.

Closing Date: Open until filled (Full-time Summer Seasonal Employment, non-benefit eligible)

GATE ATTENDANT

Rate: \$6.55/hr. (Seasonal) (min wage increases to \$7.25/hr 07/24/09)

Position Purpose: Cash handling, welcome visitors & answer phone.

Shift Schedule: Must be able to work 9a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mon - Fri shift; some flexibility for holidays, weekends, & evenings.

Closing Date: Open until filled (non-benefit eligible)

GUEST SERVICE ATTENDANT (Sunset Zoo)

Rate: \$6.55/hr (minimum wage increases to \$7.25/hr in July)

Position Purpose: To provide friendly and professional service to Zoo guests in the concession stand and gift shop by managing store inventory, collecting money, and maintaining the overall appearance of the shops. May assist with special evening events.

Experience Required: The ability to deal courteously and efficiently with the public and City Staff. Must have basic money handling and cash register skills, as well as the ability to perform basic mathematic procedures. Must be able to work under the stress of assisting zoo guests. General knowledge of Sunset Zoo and animals a plus.

Shift Schedule: Must be able to work flexible Mon-Fri shift plus some holidays, weekends, & evenings.

Concession stand & gift shop are open weekends only during school year & open full-time during the summer.

Closing Date: Open until filled (non-benefit eligible)

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Shift Schedule: March through May with the possibility to continue through the summer months; 12-20 hours per week.

Closing Date: Open until filled (non-benefit eligible)

See job description for more information.

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The Fourum is to the K-State campus what pizza is to almost all college students – daily sustenance we couldn’t get by without. Unlike greasy pepperoni pizza, we won’t cause your jeans to fit too tight. Here are the comments we thought were the best of the week.

“Fake Patty’s Day makes me question evolution.” Except apes don’t drink until they act like humans.

“I have a now-leasing sign on my pants. Is that classy?” Only if you accept sexual favors for rent.

“K-State ranked 10th place in the Big 12 for average fan attendance. How pathetic.” If you skipped the final basketball game to get drunk on FAKE Patty’s Day, get a life.

“If this physics lab were a person, I would want to push him in front of a bus.” If you pushed physics into a bus, physics would inevitably win.

“My wife just got a stripper pole.” Two words: Clorox Wipes.

“I’d rather have a bottle of frontomy than a frontal lobotomy.” Touché.

“Does the ‘x’ in ‘xoxo’ mean kisses or hugs?” Not even Wikipedia.com can decide.

“Trash can? We don’t need no stinking trash can to throw up in. Just use the sidewalk like everyone else.” Ahh, the smell of Aggieville in the morning.

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Taking chances can lead to good experiences



FRANK MALE

I’m writing this at Los Angeles International Airport, waiting for a red-eye flight bound for Chicago and on to Kansas City. This is the first time I’ve been to the West Coast, and maybe the last, unless the University of Southern California is actually interested in me as a graduate student. Having a chance to see Hollywood, Venice Beach, Universal City, the entire USC campus and listening to a lecture given by well-known physicist Stephen Hawking resulted from simply going out on a limb and agreeing to chaperone my sister for her tour of USC.

Opportunities sometimes come disguised in a worrisome cloth. The human mind appreciates routine and works most efficiently when it knows what’s coming and how to prepare for it. When people are put into unexpected situations, they end up with many feelings going through their brains, but rarely are the feelings comforting. These feelings engender alarm more often than not, be-

cause there is no greater fear than that of the unknown. Clearly though, the unknown is not as dangerous as it seems.

“Carpe diem” should be a rallying cry: “seize the day.” Living for the moment does not mean ignoring the future, but it does mean moving outside of your comfort zone from time to time. It is said that a man doesn’t have to move the world to make a difference; this goes for change as well. A minor change, or a drastic one, can be a welcome change. This is the perfect time for any change.

You’ll never know unless you check it out.

College is a special period of life. Students are as untied as they will be until after retirement, and they are young enough to enjoy it. In college, we’re young, we have a little spending money, and chances for travel abound.

K-State has great study-abroad programs, and I know people who have gone to Australia, Prague and Shanghai; those people came back changed for the better. There are other people who decided to try out a fraternity or tutor others or do public service work.

Your experiences shape who you are, so it is a good idea to get a taste of everything you’re even mildly interested in and make sure you have the chance for your experiences to complement who you want to be.

Once again, life-changing experiences are one thing, but day- or week-changing experiences surely are nothing bad, either. Seize the day and go for a random day trip to something near-

by. The Konza Prairie is beautiful year-round, Sunset Zoological Park can be quite an adventure, and Linear Trail offers its own solar system. A little further away is Junction City’s skating rink, Tuttle Creek State Park and the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley. The cost is small, and the rewards can put a smile on your face for a good long time.

The unknown is still scary, but it doesn’t have to be so mysterious. Chances are someone has tried out one of these opportunities before and can help you out.

My dad said what got him to open up to other people was a little bit of advice: think what the worst thing is that can happen. He said chances are, the worst would be that people would call you unprintable words, and the problem would end there. I am thinking that such a threat isn’t so threatening. Time wasted is the worst you can expect from taking a chance to spice up your life a little bit. Let’s face it, college students usually have plenty of time to burn.

The world is a multi-faceted place, and college students have the opportunity to examine it in depth. Don’t get yourself stuck in some routine and come to regret it later; go forth and do something fun.

What’s keeping you from having an adventure?

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Kelsey Hopson, are you gay? Violence and nudity make every movie awesome.

Don’t mess with the awesome power of the squirrels.

Hey, Patrick from Michigan, this is the girl you hit it off with on the Goodnow volleyball courts in August. I wasn’t single then, but I am now.

Why is the guy on campus interviewing people with a camera and a microphone? I want to be interviewed with a camera and a microphone.

Man, I want my ex-girlfriend back.

Your hair feels like a Barbie’s — fresh out of the box.

Do you find it funny that they quoted Ghandi in the anti-hate article, considering he was an outspoken racist?

Would it be considered racism if only white people stay at the Ritz?

Do only hot girls eat at Dashers? Yes.

I love doing the Sudokus in the Collegian. The only problem is, it’s right underneath

the pregnancy testing center.

I just want to give a shoutout to Jose.

I would like to accept Eric’s shoutout and give one of my own.

You know, when your food delivery driver stands out in the cold while you are on your way down, it would be nice to give him at least a dollar tip.

Does anybody wish the rest of their skin was as warm as their balls?

Attention Fourum: meow. That is all.

Did you see? Evil Tim was in the paper Wednesday.

Do you think eggrolls are just Asian Hot Pockets?

Hey, Fourum, is it bad the only reason I get up in the morning is for a girl who lives 1,331 miles away and whom I’ve never held in my arms and might not get the chance to?

Fourum, my friend has found a dating loophole. Ask a girl a random trivia question you know is wrong. And boom, she is yours.

I’m at the library, and to the person playing “Mouse Hunt”: screw you. You can probably find something better to do with your time in the library.

Whoever said “Watchmen” is a one-star movie obviously wasn’t watching the same movie I was. I would very much like to take them out to dinner in order to understand why they gave it one star when in reality it was a perfect star, because it was an excellent movie.

OK, K-State, it’s not spring break yet. We’re still here. Let us have heat in our rooms.

Hey, man, I just saw Santa driving a brown van.

It’s OK. I went to confession before I went to Tanks.

I bet the voice of the girl on the Wendy’s radio commercial gives good oral.

It’s the straight kind of gay.

To the geek in the black thunder jacket: I would love to have your baby.

I’ve realized from watching Big 12 Tournaments that we have by far the ugliest cheerleaders in all conference.

Look up: hips, swing, Putnam 2.

To the guy who said I stole his spot: You tried to steal my spot, I was waiting there for half an hour.

Hi, I’d like to report that my history midterm just took advantage of me.

Frank Martin can believe it’s not butter.

There’s a reason Taco Bell’s cheesy double beef burritos are only 99 cents.

Quick, we need more bacon. I’m losing weight!

Chuck Norris’ tears cure cancer. Too bad he never cries.

Can it get warm again? I’m in short shorts.

Just FYI, it’s not OK to date your best friend’s ex if they’ve only been broken up for two

months.

Sometimes I worry my mailman judges me with the amount of porn I get in the mail.

I am Jack’s broken toaster.

Balls balls balls.

I hate Cox.

I got so drunk I threw away my shoes and somehow got them back.

Brian, where is your shirt?

I’m not stubborn; I can’t help that I’m always right.

Hey, Collegian, why can’t I write a letter to the editor?

I think yellow lights mean “go faster.”

My pet Christmas tree ran away. Has anyone seen it?

I blame J.R.

Frank Martin doesn’t sleep. He waits.

Why is your car green?

I wish my car’s engine was a cell phone.

I keep Froot Loops in my rain gutter.

Check out our Web site for the rest of today’s Fourum.

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SPRING BREAK

Lighten the load



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Pack fewer items to have more stress-free trip

By Molly Sanders
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

What do I bring? How many outfits? Are the golf clubs necessary? It's hard to anticipate what you'll need when you head off for spring break and even harder to make it fit into that teeny, tiny bag.

Some advice: keep things minimal, no matter what. Keep this in mind as you start piling things in at the end of this week.

FOR ANY TRIP:

Don't pack an outfit for every day.

Ladies, don't try to convince yourself that you're not going to go shopping on spring break. It's impossible. And no one in their right mind chooses the packed clothes over the new ones.

"It's too hard for me to stay away from the shops," said Suzanna Morin, freshman in English. "Now I just assume that I'll buy at least two outfits, so that cuts out a little bit of room in my suitcase."

Gentlemen, you can wear the same shirt twice. No one's going to notice. And if they do, they won't care. Because you're a guy.

Layering is in, and it's convenient. Mixing up a few tanks and wearing different colors underneath graphic tees is a great way to change-up an outfit without having to pack a ton of shirts.

IF YOU'RE FLYING:

Remember 3-1-1. If you're taking a carry-on bag, remember you can only have 3 oz. of liquids inside one, 1 quart, clear Ziploc bag. If you forget, be prepared to be firmly reprimanded by security.

If you aren't on a direct flight, you might want to re-think the carry-on all together. Unless it's a purse or a small backpack, it's easy to run into problems trying to stuff what you thought was a small roller suitcase into the overhead compartments.

If you check your bag, it's a good idea to put your liquids in a bag inside a bag. Just because you squeezed everything in tight and arranged things so they couldn't possibly move doesn't mean your bag won't get searched. It's never fun to wash sunscreen out of your night-club dress.

IF YOU'RE DRIVING:

Packing light actually saves you money. If your car is weighed down with a bunch of suitcases, it's going to eat up more gas. Even though gas isn't \$4 per gallon anymore, saving money is always good.

Use small bags. Big bags are a lot harder to fit into the trunk of a car than a bunch of small ones. And if you're the one who decided to bring the big bag, chances are you'll be the one crammed in the front seat with everyone else's stuff.

Ryan Barten, senior in fine arts, said he always tries to take as little luggage as possible.

"It doesn't matter if I'm flying or driving, I only take one bag," he said. "It's just such a hassle to drag around more than that."

STUFF YOUR BAG:

Rolling is out. Flat packing is the way to go. Don't fold your clothes in squares like mom, just make them as thin and flat as possible and pile them in.

Chris Lemon, senior in modern languages, finance and pre-law, uses vacuum bags to get even more out of this packing technique.

"Without vacuum bags, I never would have been able to get all my clothes with me to Germany," he said. "I didn't wear all of them, but I had them."

Flat packing also prevents all the wrinkles that usually come along with rolling your clothes, so you don't look like you slept in them when you put them on.

AREA SPECIFIC:

Just because you're going skiing doesn't mean you can't save space. Using the vacuum bags is a great way to stuff everything into a small bag, but you might have trouble locating a vacuum when you're packing to come home. If you don't have room for your massive ski coat in your bag, wear it on the plane or put it in the car. It's probably better to have it with you.

If you're heading someplace warm, be realistic. You're going to be on the beach all day, so a few suits, a couple cover-ups, maybe some outfits for the clubs and of course sunscreen, and you're set.

If you're going to be a tourist, think about how much walking you're going to be doing before you reach for the heels, flip-flops or moccasins. Your feet will thank you later.

EXTRAS:

Even though you think you're going to need three different books just in case you finish one, think again. You're going to have a lot more to do on spring break than read. That means you don't have to lug around your book bag. You won't do your homework. Make sure you only take what's necessary.

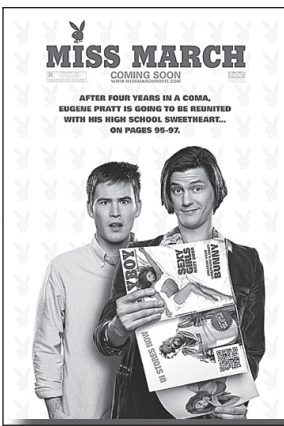
By keeping things to a minimum, you'll be traveling with less stress, less stuff and just enough to enjoy your spring break.

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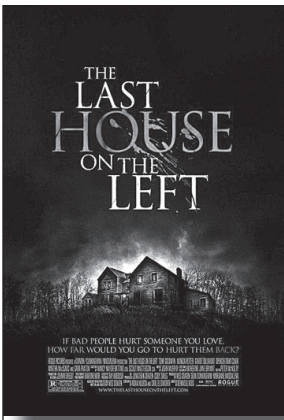
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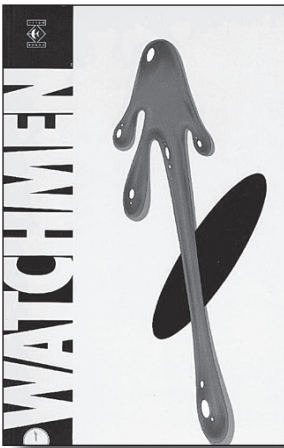


"LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT"



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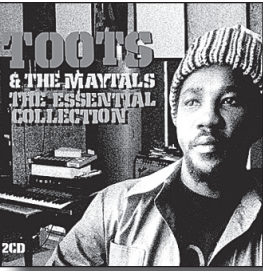
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YOU"
"TAKEN"
"PAUL BLART: MALL COP"
"WATCHMEN"



PROJECT PLAYLIST

Motivating tunes to keep you awake, driving toward destination

Ahh, Spring Break. By this time next week, you'll be mumbling on a folding chair with a lobster-red sunburn trying to remember your hotel's location. But first is the journey through faceless landscapes and crushing exhaustion from a mammoth drive. Don't worry – this week we whipped up several party tunes to keep you motivated. Be safe.



TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS – "54-46 THAT'S MY NUMBER"

Sandra Brennan, at *All-music.com*, said, "The Maytals were key figures in reggae music. Formed in the early 1960s when ska was hot, the Maytals had a reputation for having strong, well-blended voices and a seldom-rivaled passion for their music. [Frederick "Toots"] Hibbert's

soulful style led him to be compared to Otis Redding." This song is the original version of a tune covered by Sublime. If you can find the "Live in London" version, you'll be treated to an eight-minute concert jam, sounding like an amazing time.



STRUNZ AND FARAH – "HEAT OF THE SUN"

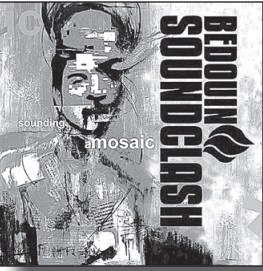
From Iran and Costa Rica, respectively, Strunz and Farah have taken all the exotic cultural flair of their homelands and meshed together an acoustic guitar sound few can match. Their first recording in 1979 was the first time Latin American and Middle Eastern music had

been played together on the guitar. I think it kind of sounds like the soundtrack for a Mexican restaurant, but in a really good way.



G LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE – "LEAVING THE CITY"

Born to wealthy parents in Philadelphia, which is certainly uncommon for a blues singer, G Love experienced some criticism from critics for playing the blues without experiencing any of its heritage or culture when first starting his career. But he passionately followed his love of music and began playing for anyone that would pass him on the streets. He formed an amazing band and now plays sold-out shows frequently all over the country – a great example of pursuing your dreams and making it happen.



BEDOUIIN SOUNDCLASH – "WHEN THE NIGHT FEELS MY SONG"

Inspired by nomadic Arabic poet tribe the Bedouins, Bedouin Soundclash scored a viral hit with this reggae-fused tune off its sophomore Canadian album, "Sounding a Mosaic." Driven by an upbeat acoustic reggae riff, the smile will come

out just as soon as you hit play.



SHARON JONES & THE DAP- KINGS – "BE EASY"

On the forefront of the revivalist movement to bring back the funk and soul of the '60s and '70s, this is a band that really respects the history of their genre. In fact, Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings stick to only analog recording methods, shunning newer instruments in

an attempt to really capture the feel of the music.



JOHN MAYER TRIO – "WHO DID YOU THINK I WAS"

I have to admit, I was surprised. John Mayer? Good? I like the guy but not his music. This is, until I heard this. The John Mayer Trio blew away its critics' prejudices, with Rolling Stone conceding "Mayer is a surprisingly convincing mini Stevie Ray Vaughan." This is one rocking jazz track.

—Compiled by Shane Bishop



Pushed down



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Kansas State forward **Jamar Samuels** fights for a rebound against two Texas players during the second half of their opening Big 12 game in Oklahoma City on Thursday. Texas defeated K-State, 61-58.

Wildcats' poor shooting leads to Longhorn victory in Oklahoma

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

OKLAHOMA CITY — For the second straight year, the K-State men's basketball team has been bounced from the Big 12 Tournament in the first round. The 2008-09 campaign ended with a 61-58 defeat at the hands of the Texas Longhorns.

The Longhorns used highly efficient shooting from the field to hold off the Wildcats. Texas shot 51.1 percent for the game while K-State shot only 29.2 percent.

"This was just a hard-fought game," head coach Frank Martin said. "We know Texas is a good defensive basketball team, but it's hard to win when you don't make shots."

Despite the poor shooting, K-State (21-11, 9-7 Big 12 Conference) was able to stay in the game because of the team's defensive pressure. The Wildcats forced 12 first-half turnovers, which led to 13 points.

But neither team was able to grab control of the game during the first half — the score was tied six times, and the lead changed hands seven different times.

K-State took a 29-27 lead into halftime after Denis Clemente hit a 3-pointer on K-State's last possession of the half.

"They're real physical, so they kind of knocked us off some screens," sophomore guard Jacob Pullen said. "We got good looks, but shots just didn't fall for us tonight."

Texas came out after halftime and grabbed the lead away from the Wildcats on a Varez Ward layup. The Longhorns led the way for most of the second half, until there was just less than four minutes to play.

With 3:50 left in the game, Pullen was fouled on a layup. After he made the free throw to cut the Longhorns' lead to 54-53, the Wildcats forced a turnover on the next Texas possession, which led to a Clemente layup to swing the lead back into K-State's

favor.

But the Wildcats would not hold on to the lead for long. Texas' Dexter Pittman converted a three-point play with 1:11 left in the second half to give the Longhorns the lead for good.

K-State had a chance to send the game into overtime, but a Clemente 3-pointer rimmed out as time expired.

"We took open shots after open shots, and they just weren't going in," Martin said. "When you play a good team, your not going to get many easy opportunities and when we had those opportunities, we just didn't convert them today."

Pittman, coming off a career-high 26 points on Wednesday, finished the game with 19 points and 20 rebounds for the Longhorns.

Pullen led the Wildcats with 21 points. Jamar Samuels and Clemente added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Wildcats' postseason future will remain in limbo until Sunday night.

K-State forces turnovers with defensive pressure, beats Colorado

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

OKLAHOMA CITY — The saying that good things always come in threes held true for the K-State women's basketball team as they defeated the Colorado Buffaloes 68-51.

"For an opening-round Big 12 tournament game, we're extremely proud of this victory," head coach Deb Patterson said.

"I thought our players were emotionally mature and their effort was strong today."

Thursday's win was the third victory for K-State against the Buffaloes this season, all of which came by double-digit scoring margins.

Colorado (11-18, 3-14 Big 12 Conference) started the game with a quick basket by senior center Kara Richards, but K-State answered by scoring eight consecutive points. From then on, the Wildcats never looked back.

K-State (24-6, 10-6 Big 12) used defensive pressure to force the Buffaloes into 11 first-half turnovers, which the Wildcats converted into 10 points. K-State also dominated the glass in the first half out-rebounding Colorado 17-8.

"We pride ourselves on staying fundamental and executing and working on the small things," junior forward Ashley Sweat

said. "And I think that's what has won us games this year and hopefully will win us more."

The team's fundamentals allowed the Wildcats to take a 36-17 lead at halftime.

After halftime, the Wildcats continued to pressure the Buffaloes and eventually pushed their lead to 22 points with 9:50 left in the game.

Colorado made a run but never came within 15 points of K-State.

Brittany Spears, who had 23 points — but only four in the first half — led the Buffaloes.

"She is great inside and out," junior guard Kari Kincaid said. "She is an All-Big 12 player and she showed it in the second half."

Kara Richards also added 22 points for Colorado.

The Wildcats were led by Sweat with 19 points. Kincaid and Marlies Gipson each scored 14 points and Shalee Lehning had 12 points.

K-State advances to the quarterfinals to play No. 10 Texas A&M Aggies.

"The first time around they definitely put a hurt on us," Patterson said. "They are playing as well as anyone in the league right now, and we'll have to play significantly different and better than we did the first time to give it a good shot."

Tipoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.



During the first round of the Women's Big 12 Tournament, **Danielle Zonotti** gains control over a loose ball. The Cats beat the Colorado Buffaloes, 68-51.

Joslyn Brown
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Baseball team has next 11 games at home, takes on Bulldogs today

By Blake Thorson
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's baseball team will return home today to begin an 11-game home stand, its longest of the season. The games start against the Butler University Bulldogs (5-9). The Bulldogs come in on a nine-game skid, losing by more than three runs in eight of the nine games.

Meanwhile, K-State (11-3) has won seven of its last eight, including a split of a two-game series against No. 5 ranked Arizona State this past week.

The Wildcats were riding a seven-game winning streak heading into Wednesday

when they fell 12-1 to the Sun Devils in Surprise, Ariz. The Wildcats left six runners in scoring position during a four-inning stretch, which proved to be the demise of the Cats. The ballgame was tightly contested at 3-1 for most of the game until the Sun Devils exploded for nine runs in the seventh and eighth innings to put the game away for good.

Senior Lance Hoge received the loss on the evening, his first hiccup of what has been an outstanding season. In the game, which pushed Hoge's record to 3-1, he gave up three runs on seven hits in 3.1 innings of work. The bullpen also faltered late, surrendering nine more runs to the Sun Devils.

The trip to Surprise was not all bad for the Wildcats though, as they claimed victory Tuesday night with a 6-2 win. Junior ace A.J. Morris was brilliant and sophomore infielder Jason King continued his monster season with three hits and five RBIs.

The Wildcats still remain one of the top all-around clubs in the Big 12, ranking second in both team batting average and team earned run average. The Cats also rank first in team stolen bases by a margin of 20 more than second place Texas A&M.

Individually, King leads the Big 12 in RBIs with 23 and ranks in the top five in home runs (five) and total bas-

es (41). Senior outfielder Dane Yelovich also ranks first in stolen bases with nine while sophomore infielder Carter Jurica sits in a tie for second with eight.

On the mound, Morris paces the big 12 with four wins and has a dainty 0.68 earned run average in 26.1 innings pitched this season.

First pitch with the Bulldogs is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Tointon Family Stadium. A doubleheader is set to follow Saturday beginning at 12 p.m. The series will finish up Sunday; game time has recently been changed to 11 a.m. to accommodate travel schedules.

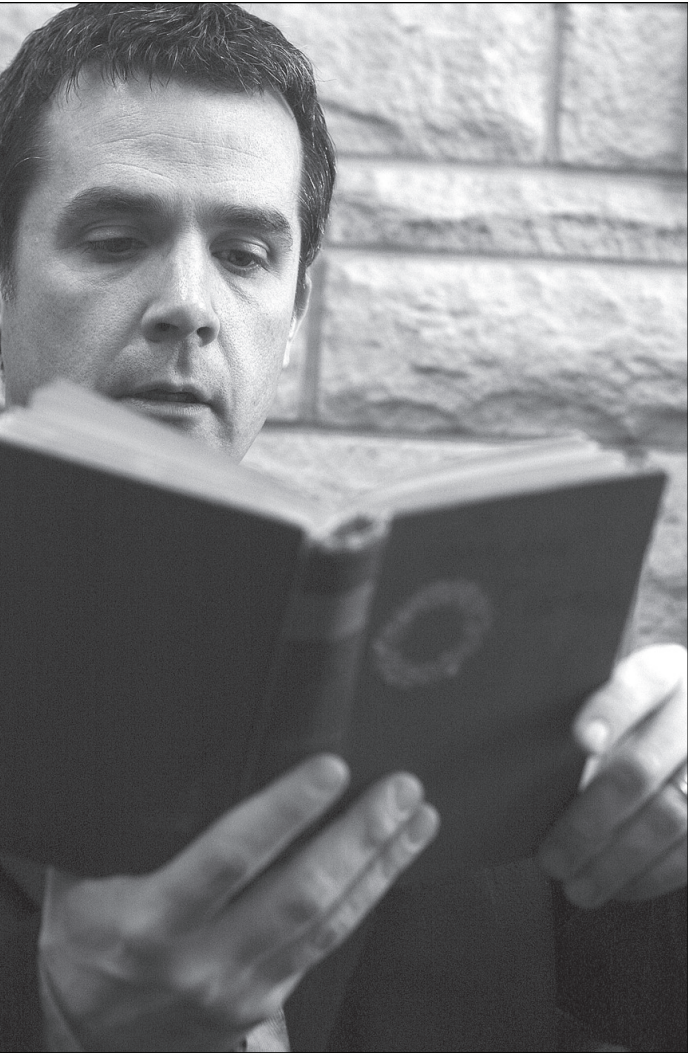
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English professor works to improve 1st-year classroom experience



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Gregory Eiselein uses his passion for literature and education to enhance students' classroom experience.

By Elizaveta Zheganina
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Gregory Eiselein uses his passion for literature to help improve the education that first-year students at K-State receive.

In the past few years, Eiselein said he became immersed in general education and education of first-year students.

"I guess what I thought is that we treat our graduate students really well, and sometimes our first-year students are thrown into classes that are huge lectures, and sometimes they get the least-experienced teachers," Eiselein said. "I just became more interested in how we could make that first year one of the best experiences of their lives and help them get ready for the rest of their college career."

Eiselein has been awarded the Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars, which is a top award for teaching excellence and also requires its recipient to promote improvements in education.

"If you win this award, which honors your teaching, [administrators] give you permission to promote the improvements in teaching and learning that you care about," Eiselein said. "I became interested in first-year students."

As a Coffman Chair, Eiselein works on projects to improve the overall university education, like working with other professors on a pilot study of the first-year freshman seminar.

"I think we can improve education of our first-year students by making it more challenging for them," Eiselein said.

For the majority of his teaching career at K-State, Eiselein taught American literature and theory of studying literature.

"I was especially interested in theories that say you should put literature in its cultural and historical context," Eiselein said.

Eiselein teaches general education classes like Great Books and Bible as Literature.

Great Books focuses on introducing freshman students to the most prominent works of world literature, like William Shakespeare's "Othello" and George Eliot's "Silas Marner."

"The idea of the Great Books [course] is that these are super-famous books that have been read over the course of centuries," Eiselein said. "These are books that you can reread and get something new out of them each time. And

they often deal with the most profound issues of human life: questions of good and evil, difficult ethical decisions, the ultimate reality of the cosmos."

Eiselein graduated with degrees in history and English from the University of Idaho in 1987. He then pursued a graduate degree in English at the University of Iowa.

As a doctoral student, Eiselein specialized in two primary areas of study: 19th-century American literature and historical and cultural theories of literature. His thesis focused on humanitarianism during the American Civil War and literature surrounding it.

Eiselein's study of humanitarianism encompassed a wide range of people, from anti-slavery advocates to members of various relief organizations. Eiselein was interested in people like John Brown, Frederick Douglass, Walt Whitman and Louisa May Alcott and also the literature written about them.

Initially, Eiselein started his intellectual pursuit with a study of Whitman and his poetry. Eiselein said at the beginning of the Civil War, Whitman spoke in favor of military action and expressed excitement about preserving the Union. Inspired by seeing young soldiers marching in parades, Whitman glorified the Union's military effort.

Eiselein further expanded his research interests to include other famous Civil War writers.

For instance, he studied literary works by and the biography of Alcott, who also volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War.

"I became interested in this girl who was at the intersection of these important literary and intellectual events in the 19th century," Eiselein said.

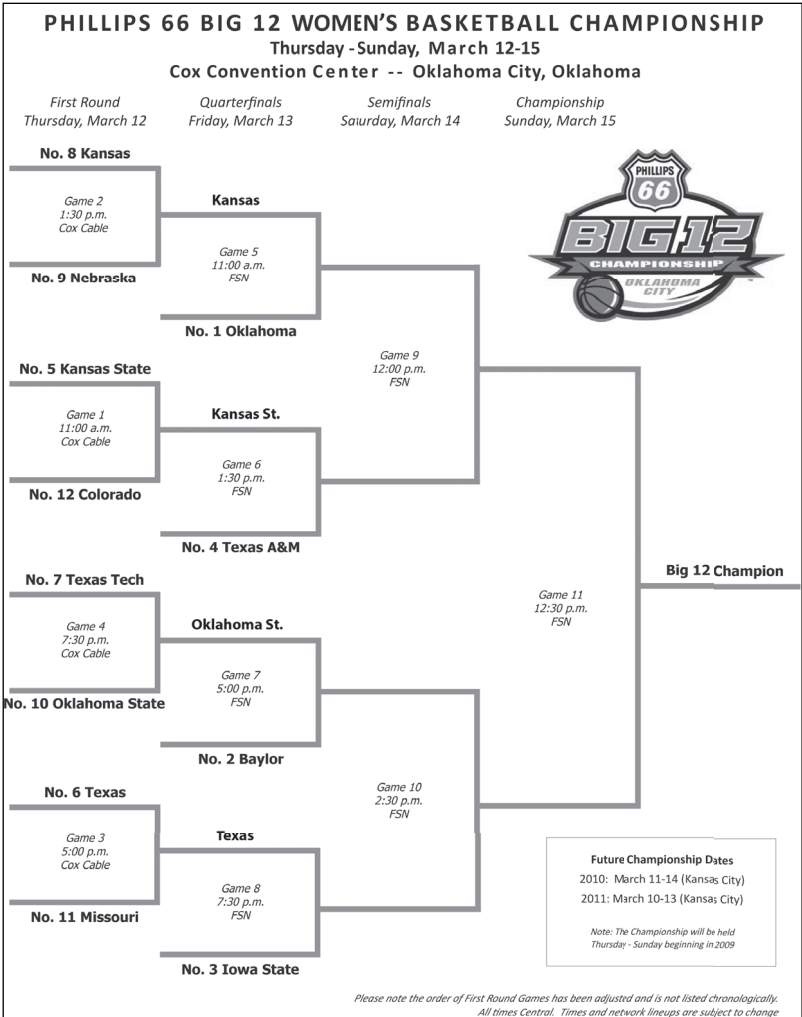
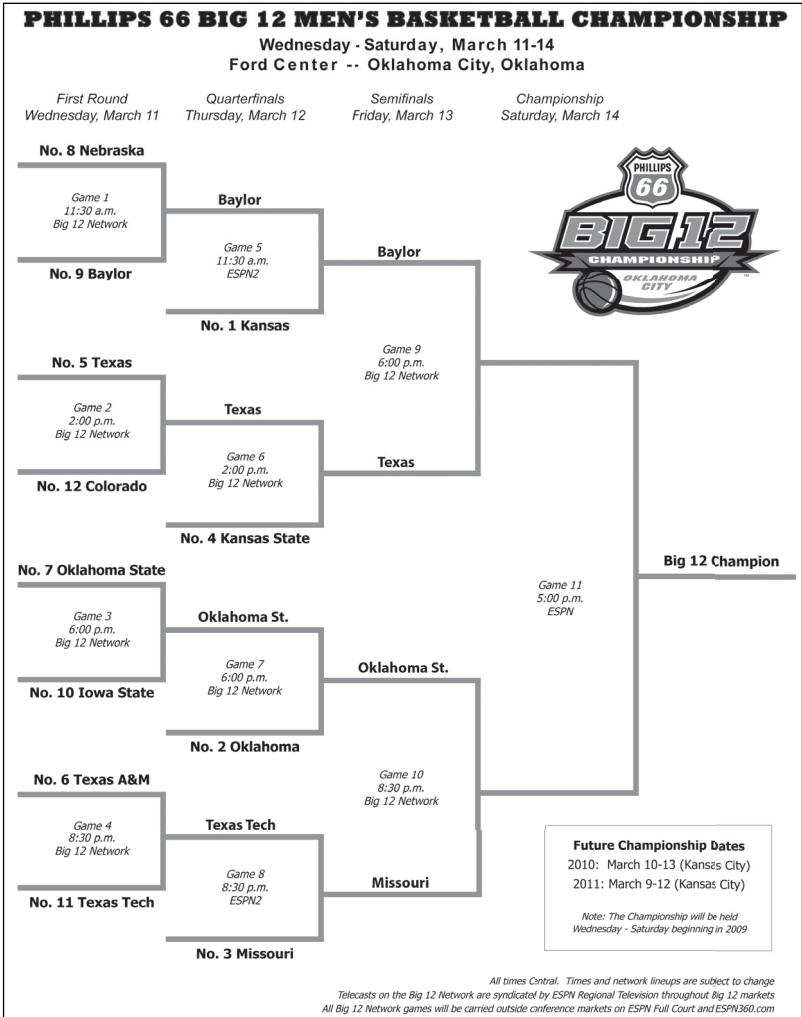
Eiselein's most recent work, edited in conjunction with Anne K. Phillips, associate professor of English, is a new critical edition of Alcott's "Little Women."

Alcott's first version of "Little Women" was re-edited with slang and tomboyish qualities taken out of the book. Phillips and Eiselein examined the various copies, manuscripts and Alcott's letters and restored the book to its original version.

Eiselein said his classes often require a substantial amount of reading and writing and incorporate challenging and thought-provoking discussion about world literary masterpieces.

"These books are overwhelming, but that's why people come to college," Eiselein said.

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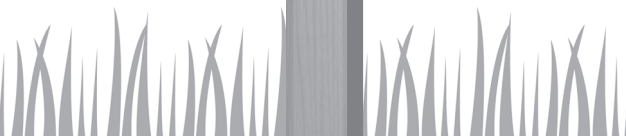
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MEXICO | Students cancel trip based on info from travel advisory, planning to find safer location

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Marsh said. “Just use precautions, and be aware of your surroundings.”

Marsh said students who want to consider other destinations that have similar costs and experiences should consider Jamaica or travel in the United States, specifically California and Florida.

Some students have even had summer trips to Mexico canceled because of travel warnings.

Jenny Cole, senior in elementary education, received word last week that a three-week K-State study-abroad trip to Chihuahua, Mexico, scheduled in May was canceled as a result of border violence.

“We were going to go to classrooms to teach English as a second language and live with host families,” Cole said. “I’m disappointed ... probably, nothing would happen, but it is a possibility.”

Cole said her group is looking into substituting Guatemala

as a safer place for a trip with an identical mission, just a safer location.

“[Chihuahua] isn’t a border town, but it’s pretty close,” Cole said.

Colleges like the University of Arizona in Tucson are specifically asking students not to spend spring break in Mexico because of the risks.

“We are in a state of undeclared war on the southern border,” Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, told Department of Homeland Security officials Tuesday.

The travel advisory stated that the greatest increase in violence has occurred near the U.S. border.

According to the advisory, “Mexican and foreign bystanders have been injured or killed in violent attacks in cities across the country. In recent years dozens of U.S. citizens have been kidnapped across Mexico.”

In the ABC News article, Jayson Ahern, acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said there are a series of efforts to increase sur-

veillance and unmanned aerial vehicles in the border region, attempting to “be more intelligence-driven.”

Much of the violence is a consequence of drug trafficking and drug cartels fighting over illegal shipments of drugs into the United States.

Whether students stay or go, there are many options for students to consider when planning their annual carousing.

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SHUTTLE | Funding for student transportation system to go toward parking garage bonds

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place in the first place to replace parking south of the Union," Leitnaker said. "We agreed that during construction we would pay for and fund running the shuttle system."

There are four shuttles that run from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leitnaker said he estimated 60-70 people make a round-trip ride each day per shuttle for a total of about 250 round-trip rides.

Darcey Ball, senior in education, said she lives in Jardine so the shuttle is convenient for her to use. Ball

said she "really wishes" Parking Services would keep the shuttle running even after the garage is completed, since she knows a lot of international students and people who live off campus who ride the shuttle.

While the shuttle is filling the needs of many students who are not able to park on campus during the construction, the service is extremely expensive to operate, Leitnaker said. The shuttle system costs \$350,000 per year to operate.

"We've got four shuttles, and if we were going to continue, we would have to add

to that number," he said.

Leitnaker said the funding used for the shuttles needs to go to paying back the bonds that were purchased for the construction of the garage. Payment of the bonds is close to \$1 million per year. He said most of the funding comes from the sale of parking permits. Students who wish to park in the completed garage will still be required to have a parking pass, in addition to a Radio-Frequency Identification device, which is similar to a Kansas Turnpike K-Tag.

An RFID will be about \$10 and will be scanned

when students enter the garage to keep track of how long they are parked there. The first 500 students in the garage each day will not have to pay the hourly rate of \$1.50, but those who arrive after the first 500 will. The RFID will determine if the 500 spaces are filled.

Ball said she understands about the funding, but is worried about what students will end up paying.

"I would be frustrated if I paid for a pass and the [RFID], and I don't know if I would want to worry about the hourly rate when I was in class," she said.

Other university campuses have a permanent bus or shuttle system in place. Leitnaker said if K-State ever looked into this, Parking Services would be out of the shuttle business, and the buses would be run by the city.

In Manhattan, the Area Transportation Agency has shown interest in doing this after the campus shuttles are discontinued. When the city's population is officially recorded as more than 50,000 people, there will be federal funding available to pay for transportation needs.

Current campus shuttle driver Travis Ternes said

he started driving the shuttle last semester but is not very worried about losing his job at the end of the garage construction because he also does parking maintenance.

For many students, the completion of the garage could be bad news. Instead of having a reliable ride, students living off campus will have to hope they are one of the first cars in the parking garage each morning to avoid an hourly parking fee.

The current shuttle schedule and a picture of the future garage are available at <http://www.k-state.edu/parking>.

KIOSK | Partners form consortium to share sign time

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land-grant institution and as a land-grant institution, we provide services and programs to support our community," Pitts said. "This is a way to promote those services with the latest technology."

Craig Johnson, assistant director of operations for the Union, said the kiosk's software will be able to import graphics, schedule specific dates for advertisements and give the kiosk a "great deal of flexibility" when setting up the advertisements.

Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium, said being a member of the consortium will allow McCain to increase exposure to the community.

"We applaud the other founding partners in the consortium for their shared sup-

port, and we appreciate Bernard Pitts for his vision and for spearheading the project," Holmberg said.

Tom Mahoney, K-State marketing sales manager of the Union, said the consortium was the only way a project like this could work.

"One of the main goals of the K-State Student Union is not just to support campus but to reach out to the entire community, and a display board like this gives us this ability," Mahoney said.

Pitts said other improvements to the Union also will be made, including adding a banner to the southwest corner and creating a pedestrian mall similar to the Bosco Student Plaza beneath the projected sky walk, which will be between the south end of the Union and the soon-to-be-completed parking garage.

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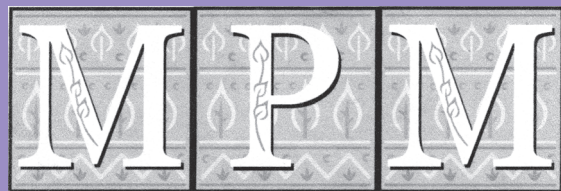
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